
CPI Newsletter – April 2019

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Update from Dr. David Threadgill, CPI Chair

April CPI News – The Council of Principal Investigators Executive Committee (CPI-EC) met with administrators on April 3, 2019. Discussions during the April meeting were updates on Sponsored Research Services (SRS) and the implementation of Cayuse to begin this summer with implementation ready for use in the fall. CPI has asked SRS to come provide an update in early fall and provide how best faculty can utilize Cayuse; X-Grants were discussed making progress with reviews and having finalist notified by mid-April. CPI-EC then discussed the upcoming CPI subcommittee reports that will be presented to each of the agency leaders at the April 10, 2019 CPI General Meeting, in Rudder 601.

CPI Contacts – The complete 2018-19 roster of CPI Representatives and the executive committee can be found on the CPI website at http://cpi.tamu.edu/membership/18-19_membership. Previous membership lists can be found in the council [archive](#). Thank you to all the CPI representatives who have served as representatives for PIs during the past year.

The CPI-EC continues to meet with President Young and Provost Fierke each month in order to keep PIs informed. The CPI-EC also meets with Chancellor Sharp every other month. If there are items of concern that impact the research environment, we would like to hear from you. All PIs are encouraged to communicate with their representatives to bring forward items of concern or interest for the research community. Please continue to bring research-related issues (and solutions) to my attention at CPI@tamu.edu.

Reminder: The May CPI General meeting will be Wednesday, May 8, 2019, Rudder 601.

Contact Rebecca Luckey, rluckey@tamu.edu or 979.862.9166, for more information or to suggest agenda items for our monthly meetings.

NIH Specific Aims Writing Clinic

When: April 17; 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Where: HPEB LL43B

About: Participants in this three-meeting series will edit and refine their NIH Specific Aims section, which is the foundation of any successful NIH grant application. Participants should plan to attend all three meetings. At the initial meeting, a panel of experienced NIH study section members will conduct a mock peer review of the Specific Aims of three participants selected at random. In meetings two and three, participants will “pair-and-share” their draft and revised Specific Aims sections, respectively, to give and receive peer feedback. RDS staff will coordinate the meetings and will provide critiques on proposal documents.

Register: By 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2019 at <https://u.tamu.edu/SAC-Spring19>. Please also email a copy of your Specific Aims page and biosketch to Christina Howard.

Contact: Christina Howard, Ph.D., Research Development Officer, c-howard@tamu.edu
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NSF Convergence Webinar

When: April 26; 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

About: Convergence is central to the NSF’s current 10 Big Ideas initiative (link: https://www.nsf.gov/news/special_reports/big_ideas/) and is appearing as a requirement in an ever greater number of solicitations, particularly for larger, multidisciplinary proposals. You and your faculty are invited to a webinar sponsored by the Division of Research on Convergence and its growing importance in NSF funding.

Register: Registration is as follows below.

Session number: 928 478 615 || Session password: aggies2019

1. Go to <https://vpr-tamu.webex.com/vpr-tamu/k2/j.php?MTID=t1353f0a8e83d698341cf9465189db6cc>

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Laboratory Decommissioning SAP

This Spring and early Summer, a number of new buildings on campus will be ready for occupancy. Researchers who will be moving their labs are reminded to follow the process outlined in the Laboratory Decommissioning SAP (24.01.01.M4.04 <http://rules.tamu.edu/PDFs/24.01.01.M4.04.pdf>) and should coordinate their moves with both EHSD and Biosafety as well as amend locations in biosafety permits in that process. Please contact the Office of Biosafety at biosafety@tamu.edu with any questions or concerns.

Limited Submission Proposal Opportunities

The list of current Limited Submission Proposal (LSP) opportunities, maintained by the Division of Research, is available at <https://u.tamu.edu/LSP>. To receive notifications about new LSP opportunities as soon as they are announced, email Ms. Shelly Martin at shelly.martin@tamu.edu.

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